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1 - White Dwarfs
2 - Isolated Neutron Stars

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- Objects
  - HZ 43
  - Sirius B
- Physical Models
  - White dwarf Atmosphere Models
    - Parameters (nH, eff. T, log(g), absolute Flux, abundance)
    - → nH well constrained → $<10^{18}$ cm^2
    - Most up-to-date atmosphere codes used (Tübingen, TLUSTY)
  - pure hydrogen good fit (very little Helium required)
  - better possibly stratified Hydrogen + Helium model → needs to tested
- Instruments
  - ROSAT
  - EUVE
  - Chandra LETGS

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- Status of Models / Parameters for HZ43 and Sirius B
  - Available fits are done and complete see below:
  - Pease et al. SPIE, 2000 → LETG effective area
  - Beuermann, Burwitz, Rauch A&A, 2006 → corr. sugg. to LETGS eff area, ROSAT and EUVE
  - Kaastra et al. A&A, 2007 in prep. → independent check of Models
- To Do
  - Check differences Beuermann / Kaastra model fluxes for Sirius B
  - Implement corrections for LETGS effective area.
  - EUVE: check why effective area is too low
  - ROSAT improvements to instr. params. need to implemented (Beuermann et al.)